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paragraphs;

Page 2, after the deleted fifth paragraph, please
insert a new centered heading as follows: --Brief Description of
the Drawings--.

At top of page 3, please insert a new centered heading
as follows: --Detailed Description of the Preferred
Embodiment--;

Page 3, line 7, please delete "rotatingly" and insert
--rotatably--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

At line 1, delete "Patent Claims", and substitute --We
Claim:--.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1 (Amended). [An] In an apparatus for applying a
drinking straw to a receiving surface of a stand up bag which can
be supplied on a conveying surface to a transfer means for
drinking straws, [characterized in] the improvement comprising
that [the] said transfer means (5) is arranged such that the
drinking straw (2) while being handed over encloses an acute
angle (α) with the conveying surface (4a).

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2 (Amended). The apparatus according to claim 1,
[characterized in that the] wherein said angle (α) corresponds to
the inclination of [the] said receiving surface (3a) on the stand
up bag (3) relative to [the] said conveying surface (4a).

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3 (Amended). The apparatus according to claim 1 or 2,
[characterized in that] wherein the stand up bag (3) lies on the